



PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06999.0005-01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Catherine BLACKBURN et al.)
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Continued Prosecution Application) Group Art Unit: 1632
of Serial No.: 09/359,672)
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Filed: July 23, 1999) Examiner: Q. Nguyen
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For: DNA EXPRESSION IN)
TRANSFECTED CELLS AND)
ASSAYS CARRIED OUT IN)
TRANSFECTED CELLS)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In lieu of a reply to the Office Action dated January 9, 2001, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, Applicants have filed a Continued Prosecution Application and request that the claims of the application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 28 and 41 without prejudice and amend claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 11-17, 19-27, 29, 32, 33, 35-37, 39, 40, 42, 44, 45, and 47-50 as follows:

1. An *in vitro* method of expressing a DNA in a pluripotent cell, comprising:

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